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ADVOCATING A SURRENDER OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The Imperialists are becoming more open and outspoken in support of a policy of folly and fury in national and international affairs. While stoutly protesting that imperialism is a mere name without substance behind it, they are outlining a program that contemplates an immense army and navy, complete participation in the humiliation and spoliation of China and Korea, and in turn the ignominious surrender of the Monroe doctrine and the betrayal of our weaker Central and South American neighbors to the rapacious and unscrupulous land-grabbers of Europe.

The New York Journal of Commerce is a trade newspaper that keeps in close touch with the commercial interests that expect to benefit by imperialism. While professedly non-political, it is, therefore, a strong supporter of aggression in the Philippines and in Asia. It does not stop at that, however; it argues that the Monroe doctrine is really futile and is not worth maintaining as a distinct part of American policy in international affairs. Thus it says:

"But what is the meaning of our contention, embodied in the Monroe doctrine, that we will have no more of the colonial system of Europe applied to any part of North or South America? Considerations of national safety might justify a decided objection to the seizure of one of the West India Islands as a place of arms by a great military power, but they could hardly be pleaded as a reason for vetoing a foreign protectorate over Chili or the Argentine Republic, France and Germany are nearer to our shores than either, and so far as our freedom from foreign attack is concerned, the possession of the Mediterranean is of quite as much importance to us as the sovereignty of countries in this hemisphere between the thirtieth and fortieth parallel of south latitude. It is true that regard for the kind of government established in the extremities of the continent may be justified by the reflection that once the distant republics are overthrown, it would be only a question of time when the nearer ones would be marked out for reabsorption into the state system of Europe. But if this principle is to be admitted as having a direct bearing on the conditions of our national safety, then we cannot afford to stop short at the confines of South America. A hostile Power whose fleets commanded the Pacific Ocean, and whose armies were in possession of its eastern shores, might be tempted more of a menace to the republic than a European conquest of Brazil."

Having thus disposed of the Monroe doctrine, our Imperialist contemporaries proceed to argue that if a European nation were established in China it would be a graver menace to our Pacific coast, and therefore to our peace and safety, than if it were established in Brazil or Chili. The significance of this deliverance by an organ of militant commercialism need hardly be indicated. It makes it only too plain that what is sought is not any legitimate, peaceful expansion of commerce, else why offer to sacrifice South America to Europe in return for the privilege of participation in the dismemberment of China? The fact that our exports to South America in 1899 were over \$25,000,000, while our exports to China, whose markets are just now supposed to be of such transcendent value, were only \$14,000,000, shows where our real interests lie.

The program that proposes the surrender of the Monroe doctrine, the neglect of valuable markets on this continent, the entanglement of the country in foreign broils and intrigues,

in order to get a slice of China to protect the coast of California against our blooming enemies in Asia, is entirely worthy of the statesmanship now in the saddle at Washington.

MEIKLEJOHN, RAMPANT.

Our eyes bulge with admiration and awe of Hon. George D. Meiklejohn, Assistant Secretary of War, now sojourning at Omaha, Nebraska, presumably because that is nearer to China than is Washington, and it comes natural to Meiklejohn to edge toward the fray wherever and whenever it may rage most frenziedly. Meiklejohn will doubtless be heard of next at San Francisco, then Honolulu, then Manila, where he will get astride a typhoon and mingle with and direct things.

At present, however, Meiklejohn is devoting considerable time to conversation, as he takes his way westward hot on the trail of Empire. Thus spoke Meiklejohn at Omaha:

"The present dynasty should be overthrown by the Powers and Wu Ting Fang, Minister to this country, made Emperor and sustained. The allied nations should police the empire with military forces for the security and protection of life, trade and commerce. I am in favor of sending a large force to China and along with other nations visiting swift punishment on the men responsible for the wanton destruction of lives and property of Americans. This nation has nothing to gain by the dismemberment of China, but we want an open door to all and the rights of Americans must be respected."

No faint-hearted, half-hearted measures for Meiklejohn; no going it on general principles. Meiklejohn understands the situation and knows minutely what should be done. His scheme is grandly, superbly complete. The Meiklejohn intellect has pierced the gloom and has driven the uncertainty, better-skelter. No unmanly pangs of pity wrung the Meiklejohn bosom. "S' death! he will up and at em, will Meiklejohn, the man of blood and iron, the American Bismarck. Bismarck? Nay, more—Bismarck and Warwick in one. It is a sluggish imagination that can not see already the long, sinuous lines of steel, galvanized and swayed by the imperious will of Meiklejohn, closing in upon the doomed capital of Mongolia, while the Meiklejohn scheme of Empire waits but its consummation when the world-conqueror shall crown with his own hands the Emperor of his choice, the ruler of 400,000,000 of people who will bow down and be thankful. Meiklejohn is too modest—he, he is the man of the hour. His noble brow upon which the diadem should rest.

Meiklejohn John! What Chinaman could kick on that?

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

THE REPUBLICAN TRICK ANIMAL.

(Washington Times.)

It is quite obvious that the Republicans intend to utilize Theodore Roosevelt for the Presidential campaign as a sort of trick mule. In many directions he appears to be amusing to bullock audiences, and he has the reputation of personal honesty, a characteristic which alone marks him as a freak among the politicians with whom he is associated.

JOINT BUNGLING.

(Philadelphia Times.)

European jealousies are responsible for the slaughter of foreigners at Peking. The danger was apparent weeks ago. It was to be met either by peaceful persuasion or by overwhelming force. Neither was employed. Japan could have sent an army adequate to deal with the situation, but she could not be allowed to do so for fear of offending Russia. Russia had large forces at hand, but she could not have consented to fear she would land there. As no Power must land more troops than any other, only the minimum force was employed, a mere handful that was enough to stir all China to resistance, but incapable of protecting itself.

This was a most futile experiment has now endured for several weeks. Matters have gone from bad to worse, and not one effective thing has been done by anybody. It is a question now whether it is worth while to attempt anything more till an international army can be assembled large enough to overcome the millions upon millions of angry Chinese.

In all the long history of international bumbling in Asia, Africa and Southern Europe, there never has been anything worse than this. From first to last the "joint action of the Powers" has been stupid and ineffectual, and it is humiliating that this country has allowed itself to become involved in it. The way out is harder than the way in.

THE PATRIOTIC POLE.

(Galveston News.)

Some citizens of Prussian Poland are on trial in a German tribunal for high treason, charged with plotting for the restoration of the kingdom of Poland. The very name of that nation has to this generation a far-away sound, and to plot for its restoration seems as futile as to scheme for a reinstatement of the Assyrian empire and the restoration of the empires and glories of Babylon and Nineveh. Still, the fact that several powerful nations of respectable standing participated in the destruction of Polish independence, has, as a man of free soul sees it, convinced nobody that the work of partition was righteous or even excusable. The destruction of Poland and the partition of that little state were acts used as a text in the lessons of liberty which were taught the people of the world during the last century. In its day this destruction of one of the oldest states of Europe was regarded as such a crime that the nations guilty of it ventured no defense. Southern Europe, and as much to Poland as to Rome owed as much to Poland as to France for checking the invasion of Islam. The defeat of the Mahometans at the battle of Tours by Charles Martel was said to have saved the modern world from being entirely Mahometan, and had Abderrahman defeated Martel that day the Koran would now be expounded in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and our Puritan forefathers would not have been Puritans at all, but rather Impuritans, judged by our existing standards of morality. Be this as it may, it is certain that Mahometanism would have been carried by the Turk far up the Danube had it not been for John Sobieski and

his army of Poles who raised the siege of Vienna and beat back the hordes of Turks which invested it. But the very nations which benefited by Polish valor were the first to forget the debt. It would be very difficult to find in this country a jury of good lawful citizens who would hurt a hair of the heads of the persons now on trial for high treason in the courts of one of the countries which robbed them of their birthright.

CHICAGO'S GROWING POPULATION.

(Chicago News.)

The Two Million Club is still in some doubt as to whether the population of the city at this writing is 2,482,000 or only 2,360,000. The difference is something over 100,000; but in a matter like that of the population of Chicago it is too trivial to be taken seriously into account. Even the smaller figure gives a gain considerably in excess of 10 per cent. during the last decade. But the ratio has evidently increased mightily during the latter part of the decade. Only a year ago the population was put at 1,900,000, so that the gain in the last year has been 25 per cent. This ratio, on the basis of the present population, would give a gain of about 600,000 for the current year, or 50,000 a month. Hence, if the population is only 2,360,000 instead of 2,480,000 to-day, it will have reached the figure two months hence, or almost as soon as the careful computations upon which these figures are based could be checked over and verified.

BARRETT ON THE BOXERS.

(Pittsburg Post.)

Ex-Minister Barrett is pretty good authority with the Imperialists and has his interview on Chinese affairs, returning from a visit to President McKinley at Canton. He believes the situation at Peking is safe, and particularly the American minister for the Chinese have a strong pro-American feeling. Mr. Barrett attributes the troubles in China to the land-grabbing policy of the English, Germans, Russians and Japanese, who desire to produce a crisis that will end in the partition of the empire.

WHAT BUSINESS HAVE MR. McKINLEY AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN CHINA?

(New York Herald.)

Of all the foreign entanglements which Washington in his farewell address so earnestly warned his countrymen to avoid, that which might come from our mixing in this Chinese business would be the worst, the most perilous. It would be an entanglement, not with one foreign Power alone, but with all of them, with consequences to the welfare and destiny of the nation which it would be hard to overestimate or exaggerate.

What business has the United States in Asia anyway? It is not at war with China; it has no interests in any Chinese scramble; there is no earthly reason why it should dispatch a fleet or an army to co-operate with the allied forces, and none why it should join a European concert to control the government and determine the fate of the Celestial Empire.

To do so would be not only an open disregard of Washington's solemn warning and the time-honored traditions of the government, but also a plain violation of the constitution, which expressly forbids the President to make war on a foreign people or to send an army abroad without the formal sanction of Congress.

Our legitimate business and duty in this affair are perfectly plain. It is simply to protect the life and property of American citizens, although some of them, notably meddlesome missionaries, have done much to bring trouble on their own heads. We must, as the Tribune says, rescue our Minister from danger in Peking, but with this done and protection secured for American life and property, our active part in the affair ends. If we have any future role it is to act as mediator or arbitrator in the interests of peace and civilization. We entirely agree with our Baltimore contemporary, the Sun, that "Our ships and men should not be used in the interest of any European Power neither should we undertake to pull any other nation's chestnuts out of the fire that is raging in the Chinese Empire."

The fact is that the ambitious course of the government is but another illustration of the imperialism that has got into the heads of Mr. McKinley and his Republican advisers, and which, if it keeps on, will lead the country into all sorts of mischievous tomfoolery and danger. It is the logical sequence to the Philippine imperialism. Unless a speedy, decisive halt is called no one can tell where it will end. The "open door" as a commercial advantage seems to have been turned into an "open door" to Chinese interference and foreign entanglements. For this there is no reason, justifiable or excusable, but the most radical departure from the traditional policy and principles of the nation and the most dangerous step in the direction of imperialism that the United States has ever yet ventured to enter upon. That a great majority of the American people are opposed to it can hardly admit of doubt. Mr. McKinley and the Republican party will do well to pause and reflect before going too far in a course so fraught with political risk to themselves as well as evil to the country.

They have no business in China, and had better keep out of it.

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